

HCNNC

HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS



Monday, February 24, 2025

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES - Approved 03/24/2025

通用董事會會議 · Reunión de la Junta

In-person Meeting

Chinatown Branch Library

639 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

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HCNNC's Election Day is April 22, 2025!

Register to vote February 21, 2025 through April 13, 2025.

If you live, work, own property, or participate in a community organization within HCNNC's boundaries, you may be eligible to vote.

For more information, please visit hcnn.org/2025election.

Supporting Documents for meeting are at <https://bit.ly/HCNNC-02-24-2025-Bd-Docs>.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair Phyllis Ling at 5:05 pm. Cantonese interpreters were present. Roll call taken by Secretary Miho Murai.

Supporting documents may be viewed at www.HCNNC.org or at the Chinatown Library at 639 N Hill St, Los Angeles, 90012, in the "HCNNC" folder on the shelf behind the reference desk.

Present during Roll Call: Miho Murai, Katelyn Kim, Xochitl Manzanilla, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, and Phyllis Ling

Absent: Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau

Public: 8 people, including Jose Galdamez (DONE) and Gabriela Agarie (CD 1)

At Roll Call, we had 12 members present and 3 absent. Quorum was established.

Board Member Ne Hung Hom passed away recently. The Board acknowledged his advocacy for his community and a moment of silence was taken in his honor.

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Up to 2 minutes max per speaker)

Rosa Soto from LA General Wellness Center – this Thursday (2/27/25) at 6 pm, they are having a meeting at the library to share the services that they offer; they are transferring patients to a more wellness environment and providing mental health services.

3. Consent Calendar (Note: A consent calendar is a board meeting practice that groups routine business into one agenda item. The consent calendar can be approved in one action, rather than filing motions on each item separately. A consent calendar moves routine items along quickly so that the board has time for discussing more important issues. If a member disagrees with the consent calendar item or wants to move it to the regular agenda, the member would request that the item be pulled from the consent calendar. The chair would ask if the members are in favor of approving the consent calendar minus the pulled item.)

- 3.1.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of [January 27, 2025](#).
- 3.2.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report ([MER](#)) for December 2024.
- 3.3.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report ([MER](#)) for January 2025.

Valerie Hanley made a motion; seconded by Patrick Chen; Yes: Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Phyllis Ling; Ineligible: Katelyn Kim; **MOTION PASSED (11-0-0-1)**

No Public Comment

4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- 4.1.** Public Safety - None

- 4.2.** City Council and Mayor's Representatives – Gabriela Agarie, CD1 – tomorrow there will be a KYR workshop at William Meads to inform immigrants regarding their rights; motion regarding the Olympics ordinance has been amended to request a report back on environmental assessments; looking for ambassadors in CD1 – will be provided with a 6 week program to learn about the budget; received news that Mr. Hom passed away and they provided a certificate of appreciation to him; there was a fire in a restaurant in Chinatown on Broadway – noted as an arson; Bill Chin – stated that he has been to Ord Park and there is a lot of trash and gang activity; Figueroa Terrace and Beaudry – concerned about the cruising and he would like CD1 to address this issue (she stated he needs to call LAPD); Joseph Amaral, Public Comment – lives on Spring Street and there is a homeless encampment near by that makes fires (she stated that she has received emails about it and they had a care team come out; they can only clean the public side but not the private side; she will connect him with the Mayor's Office)
- 4.3.** Other Area Representatives – Nina, field representative for Assembly Member Mark Gonzalez – he was just elected this December; she just wanted to introduce herself; helps residents with Medi-Cal, unemployment; they are doing a series of KYR workshops on immigration rights
- 4.4.** Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Jose Galdamez, DONE – expresses his condolences for the passing of Mr. Hom; presented HCNNC with a Certificate of Appreciation, he brought vote by mail applications; need to agendize for zoom licenses; there has been an update to Empower website – there is a resource folder that includes forms; during the working hours of the recreation centers, HCNNC can use the space for free; Bill Chen – the City has a meeting to start a long process for park assessment; he would like the vacant lot on Beaudry to be a community garden

5. Officer's Reports

- 5.1. Chair's Report** - Update on [Council File #15-0989-S47](#). Announcement of board vacancy.

Board Chair Phyllis Ling reported that she presented the CIS on City Planning exemptions for Olympics projects to the PLUM committee; tried to present CIS to the whole City Council but the matter was continued for 1 week. There is currently a board vacancy but we can't fill that seat until after the elections. Jose Galdamez (DONE) said that he will check back to see when the board vacancy can be filled.

- 5.2. Secretary's Report** - Report on board member attendance.

Secretary Miho Murai reported on board member attendance. As of today, the following absences have been reported: Katelyn Kim (1), Garrett Quon (2), Huiling Cai (2), Phyllis Ling (1), Mei Wah Lau (2), and Wing Ho (2). This only includes absences from regular meetings since February 24, 2024 and does not include absences from special meetings.

No public comment.

5.3. Treasurer's Report - Report on HCNNC's budget.

Treasurer Valerie Hanley reported that we have approximately \$20,000 but may get some money back from translations.

6. Liaison Reports

6.1. LANCC - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

Phyllis Ling reported that the new City Attorney spoke at the meeting and discussed price gouging; this Saturday, they are planning to have Paul Kirkorian, who is now the head of an Olympic group, to come and explain the projects regarding the Olympics.

6.2. LANCSA - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Katelyn Kim reported that at yesterday's meeting, they discussed the after mass of the fires and fire proof housing and electrification.

Christopher, Public Comment – Project Director for an environmental justice/public policy organization; he does not suggest that we have fire prevention for Elysian Park, but that we should focus on retrofitting and repairing homes to be prepared for fire, landslide, and other disasters, and for decentralizing the energy grid.

7. Discussion and possible action to appoint one or more members to HCNNC's Ad Hoc Election Committee.

Board Chair Phyllis Ling stated that we need to have another member to be on the HCNNC Ad Hoc Election Committee to help with the planning of the candidate forum and election outreach. Phyllis Ling volunteered to be on the Committee.

Miho Murai made a motion to appoint Phyllis Ling to be on the HCNNC Ad Hoc Election Committee; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla. Verbal vote – all voted in favor; **MOTION PASSED**

Bill Chin asked who was running for elections. Phyllis Ling stated that it is listed on the election website.

8. Presentation from LA Chinatown Firecracker on the upcoming Firecracker Run event on March 8-9, 2025, inviting everyone and also providing information on impacts to the neighborhood.

Jason Fujimoto, from Chinatown and lived in Victor Heights for 20 years; he is here to present about the LA Chinatown Firecracker Run; see slide deck; March 8 - 9, 2025; had

9,000 participants last year; all of the proceeds are donated to Castelar ES, Solano ES, Logan ES, and Ann Street ES and non-profits; he stated that some residents were concerned about the road closures; www.firecracker10K.org; kiddie run is on Sunday and bike run is on Saturday; mission is to promote health and fitness; no road closures on Saturday outside of Chinatown; there are road closures on Sunday – Solano Canyon and Stadium Way.

Joseph, Public Comment – thanked him for having this event and bringing the community together.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$1000 to Staples to print postcards and flyers for HCNNC election voter outreach.
[Estimates and draft postcards/flyers here.](#)

Phyllis Ling reviewed the flyers and postcards and the prices, which are available on the google drive. Bill Chin commented that the picture of the City Hall is very big on the flyers.

Miho Murai made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1000 to Staples to print postcards and flyers for HCNNC election voter outreach; seconded by Paul Hanley; Yes: Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Phyllis Ling; No: Bill Chin; Ineligible: Katelyn Kim;
MOTION PASSED (10-1-0-1)

Phyllis asked Jose Galdamez from DONE whether we can provide the flyers to the candidates who are running and he stated that we could provide the flyers to them.

10. Office Equipment

10.1. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to [\\$300 from Best Buy](#) for a webcam video camera to facilitate HCNNC meetings.

Daniel Reza made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$300 from Best Buy for a webcam video camera to facilitate HCNNC meetings; seconded by Paul Hanley; Yes: Xochitl Manzanilla, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Shirley Oaks, Phyllis Ling; No: Miho Murai, Bill Chin; Abstain – Patrick Chen; Ineligible: Katelyn Kim; **MOTION PASSED (8-2-1-1)**

Miho Murai stated that she didn't think we need this and we should be spending the money on NPGs.

Christopher, Public Comment – he thinks that we can donate it to the library and make it more technology friendly.

Phyllis Ling stated that we cannot donate items to the library but we can loan it to others.

Joseph, Public Comment – does not think it is too expensive and thinks we should have it.

10.2. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to [\\$200 from Creative Labs](#) for a computer sound card to facilitate HCNNC meetings.

Valerie made the motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$200 from Creative Labs for a computer sound card to facilitate HCNNC meetings; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla; Yes: Xochitl Manzanilla, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Shirley Oaks, Patrick Chen, Phyllis Ling; No: Miho Murai; Abstain – Bill Chin; Ineligible: Katelyn Kim; **MOTION PASSED (9-1-1-1)**

Miho Murai stated that we don't need this high tech equipment and our meetings have been fine without them. Daniel Reza thinks it will help with outreach.

11. Community Impact Statements

11.1. Discussion and possible action to approve a request for action letter addressed to CD1 and City of LA representatives to ask the City to take action to mitigate the ongoing and constant threat of wildfires in the neighborhoods inside and adjacent to Elysian Park. [Request for Action Letter here.](#)

Phyllis Ling stated that the letter was written from the perspective of the neighborhood council to the City of LA. Incorporate feedback regarding language around encampments and unhoused

- Motion by Paul Hanley, seconded by Daniel Reza
- Board Discussion:
 - Bill Chin: Wants some predictability - if there's a sweep, then the neighborhood should be notified
 - Paul Hanley: The letter is not calling for a total sweep, its calling for pushing encampments 200 feet from properties
 - Phyllis Ling: There is no language about pushing people completely out of the park
 - Miho Murai: Concern is again the same as before, appreciate that the letter is revised. Still has language of removal of encampments. We need to find the housing first and then find a better way of providing housing and shelters. When people are swept, it's a pattern of people being removed and either they or others will keep coming back.
- Public Comment:
 - Christopher W: LA County motion for repurposing abandoned property. Neighborhood councils can request to be stewards and convert properties to be transitional or rehabilitation living centers.

- o Joseph A: This present letter is a lot better. How do we partner more with the agencies that work with the homeless - need for services such as mental health issues.
- Board Discussion:
 - o Bill Chin: Where's the source of water in Solano Canyon?
 - o Daniel Reza: There are drinking fountains and wash stations in the park and on Stadium Way.
 - o Daniel Reza: Last week, neighbors spoke at the park commission meeting. Commissioners directed Parks and Recreation to address these concerns and Daniel would like to see a public input meeting to figure out what can and cannot be done. Want to increase public use.
 - o Phyllis Ling: Xochitl and I did brush clearing together - community members have been doing cleanups and would like to see the City put more resources towards brush cleanups.
 - o Xochitl Manzanilla: Remembers doing the brush clearing and hearing about the fires. Would like the letter to be sent to Mayor Karen Bass too. Agree with Miho that we cannot just send people away - have to look for housing for unhoused people and not throw them away - they need help.
 - o Edward Flores: City Controller's office found that not all available beds are being used. Unused beds are costing the City. We're making them aware of available beds.
- Verbal Vote
 - o Ayes: Most of the board
 - o Nos: Two Board Members (Miho Murai, Patrick Chen)
 - o Abstentions: None

12. Discussion on a proposal for HCNNC to sponsor a CERT class at the Chinatown Library for the HCNNC board and community members to attend.

Daniel Reza stated that the CERT class would be 6 consecutive weeks, 1 evening a week; minimum of 30 people. Helps emergency response personnel during crisis.

Phyllis Ling stated that if anyone is interested in doing it, to send an email to the Neighborhood Council.

13. Reports from the Area Representatives: Patrick took notes

- 13.1.** Chinatown – No representatives were present
- 13.2.** El Pueblo de Los Angeles – Valerie Hanley reported that the next major event is on April 19th and to bring your pets
- 13.3.** Solano Canyon – Phyllis Ling reported that there has been more attempted break-ins in the neighborhood to homes and cars

- 13.4.** Victor Heights – Bill Chin reported that there has been cruising on Figueroa Terrace; he wants the police to show up and give out tickets; the Chinatown Community Land Trust had a community meeting that went well.

14. Announcements

No announcements.

- Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

OFFICERS	Phyllis Ling	Wing Ho	Patrick Chen	Miho Murai	Valerie Hanley
	Chair	1st Vice-Chair	2nd Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer

– NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES –
Mei Wah Lau - Chinatown At-Large Business Owner/
 Employee/ Non-Profit/ Property Owner
Garrett Quon - Chinatown Business Owner/ Employee
Wing Ho - Chinatown Non-Profit
Xochitl Manzanilla - Chinatown Residential
Vacant Seat - Chinatown Residential
Edward Flores - El Pueblo At-Large Business Owner/
 Employee/ Non-Profit/ Property Owner
Valerie Hanley - El Pueblo Business Owner/ Employee
Paul Hanley - El Pueblo Non-Profit

Phyllis Ling - Solano Canyon Business Owner/
 Employee/ Non-Profit/ Property Owner
Huiling Cai - Solano Canyon Residential
Daniel Reza - Solano Canyon Residential
Shirley Oaks - Victor Heights Business Owner/
 Employee/ Non-Profit/ Property-Owner
Bill Chin - Victor Heights Residential
Patrick Chen - Victor Heights Residential
Katelyn Kim - At-Large Youth
Miho Murai - At-Large
Vacant Seat - At-Large